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1. At least six East German pastors have been arrested by the East German government because of their opposition to the "Youth Consecration" (Jugendweihe) program of the SED party. Several of the pastors are reported to have refused confirmation to young people if they participate in the Jugendweihe ceremonies.
2. Otto Nuschke, Deputy Minister-President and CDU party member, called a meeting of the Directorate of the East German CDU for 22 February 1955, to take a position with regard to this problem.

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